

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, please replace the last full paragraph at line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

An example of a characteristic map is shown in figure 1. The isentropic displacement height is plotted versus the operational volume in a rectangular array. The characteristic map of the compressor assembly displays the relationship of the operational volume, i.e., the flow through the compressor assembly (in cubic meters per hour) versus ~~with the displacement height, i.e., with the pressure (in joules per kilogram) at various rotational speeds.~~ The respective operating point is located inside the characteristic map. Certain lines are defined, such as pump protection line, maximum efficiency line and rotational speed lines.